



I. "Lakeside", 114 SE Leadbetter Road. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Directions: From downtown Camas, go north on State Route 500 (NE Garfield Street) up hill turning right onto NE Everett Street at the stop sign. Continue north on State Route 500 (NE Everett Street) to the Lacamas Lake "Y". Turn left on Leadbetter Road (at the "Y") approximately one mile to "Lakeside".*

As a young man growing up on the family farm located at Lacamas Lake three miles north of Camas, John Roffler's interest tended toward the building of boats and furniture. However in 1895 his mother, Katharina Roffler built on her property a Queen Anne Victorian style home with a turret room and widow's walk. As 16 year old John watched the construction of his new family home, he developed a special feeling for the graceful architecture of the Queen Anne style.

In 1902 when John was 22, successful newspaperman Henry Pittock began building a sumptuous victorian farmhouse overlooking Lacamas Lake. The home called "Lakeside" was a wedding gift from Pittock to his son Frederick and new bride, Bertha Leadbetter who planned to farm the acres surrounding the property. John Roffler was hired as a carpenter's assistant on the house-building project.

Many of the graceful details originating in the Roffler family home and "Lakeside" were later expressed in Roffler homes. It is generally felt that John Roffler's home building style was influenced by exposure to the two earlier homes.